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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Strategic Research

SUBJECT : Permission to Publish an
Unclassified Article on the
Soviet Navy

1. During the past several years, quite a few articles have appeared in magazines and newspapers conjecturing that the Soviets will build aircraft carriers. The kind of carrier is never properly dealt with and the proposition is argued from a Western naval point of view rather than from a knowledge of Soviet naval doctrine.

2. For some time I have thought it might be useful to write an article which sets forth the Soviet position as clearly as I am able to define it. Toward this end, I have written a paper entitled [redacted]

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3. Of course, my ability to write this paper is made possible by drawing from information available to me here during the past 20 years. The paper is not documented, and could not be, and no reference or allusion is made in the text to sources of information other than a few public statements by Soviet officials. The dates I have used are either accurate or close enough to establish a real time-frame reference without which the basic fabric of the argument could fall apart. It is my opinion that this paper can be published unclassified.

4. Therefore, I request permission to submit the attached article to [redacted]

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5. Articles published [redacted] in addition to a by-line, carry a short, appropriate,

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biographic sketch of the author. Should this article be accepted, I would suggest this:

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